

KIDSNET UPDATE

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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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SCHEDULED UNAVAILABILITY OF THE KIDSNET SYSTEM

For the last few months, we have been working on upgrading the KIDSNET system to a new version of Oracle. To complete the system upgrade, we must conduct technical work that may cause the system to be unavailable. This work is scheduled to start at 3:30 pm on Thursday, January 19th. The system may be down intermittently during the next day, January 20th, and potentially over that weekend. On January 20th, updates will be posted on the KIDSNET login page so that you will be informed about the availability of the system. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and encourage you to plan your work accordingly.

Please note: beginning February 2nd, the system will no longer be shut down on Thursdays for maintenance as in the past.

Thanks for your continued support.

New KIDSNET Users

This month we welcome **Pawtuxet Valley Urgent Care and the Early Intervention Program at the Trudeau Memorial Center.**

Lead Screening

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. Pediatric practices that used this report in December 2005 are: **Westerly Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket, Family Doctors of East Providence, Children First Pediatrics, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Dr. Stuart Demirs, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Family Health Services – Cranston, Thundermist Health Center of West Warwick, Smithfield Pediatrics, Wood River Health Center, Kingstown Pediatrics.**

If you would like to run this report and need a training review, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the Help Desk at 222-4220. Thank you for your help ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

Visit our NEW web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220 with any questions or suggestions

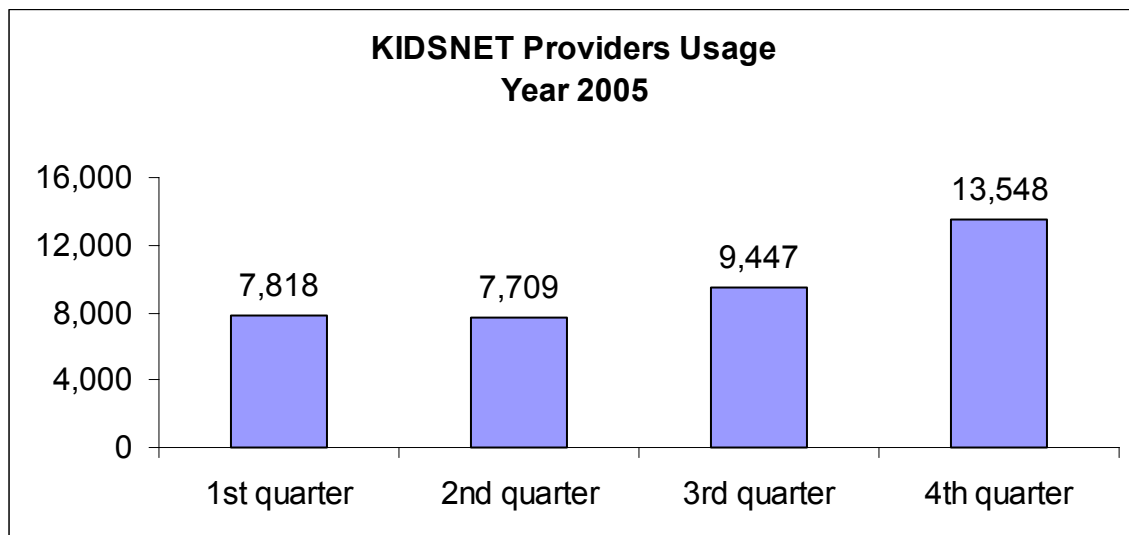
Reminders Sent to Parents:

The KIDSNET reminder system that generates automated phone messages and postcards for parents will be interrupted on January 19, 2006 until further notice. These messages routinely remind parents to schedule 2, 4, 6 and 12-month checkup visits and a 12-month lead screening for their children. As part of the KIDSNET system update, we will be revising the reminder system later this year.

Please note: the lead screening reminder postcards will continue to be sent as usual and will not be affected by the above change.

Usage of KIDSNET by Providers

An analysis of KIDSNET usage during 2005 shows that the number of “hits” or times providers accessed KIDSNET fluctuated quarterly and increased in the second half of the year. This may be due to the start of the school year and flu season. As shown in the graph below, the number of hits by providers accessing the system reached the highest (13,548 hits) in the last quarter of 2005, and the lowest (7,818 and 7,709) in the first and second quarter, respectively.



KIDSNET will continue to monitor usage by participating providers every quarter. Usage will be influenced by an increase in the number of participating providers, new system features that will become available, and outreach strategies that will be initiated place.